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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **SPARK PLUG FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A MIDDLE ELECTRODE FOR A SPARK PLUG FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE** the specification of which was filed as PCT International Application number PCT/DE 01/00286 on January 25, 2001.

I hereby state that I believe the named inventor or inventors in this Declaration to be the original and first inventor or inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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Yes No

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